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Spain beats the Netherlands 1-0 to win the World Cup



better of the chances while the Dutch had defender John Heitinga sent off and seven other players booked, most of them for challenges that appeared cynically designed to disturb the rhythm of Spain's passing game.

"It's incredible," said Iniesta. "What a joy especially when you see how we won it."

"There aren't the words to describe what I am feeling. After my goal, I thought about my family and all the people who I love. But the victory is the fruit of a lot of work."

Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk added: "The best team won. I am disappointed. It is a world championship and we have just lost a final."

Holland's Liverpool striker Dirk Kuyt was also downhearted.

"We are angry because we were so close. The referee was slightly more for them than for us. That ultimately cost us the cup."

Unlike in 1974 and 1978, the Netherlands was unbeaten not only in this tournament, but in qualifying for the first World Cup staged in South Africa.

Andres Iniesta paid tribute after his goal saw off Holland by whipping off his jersey and displaying a t-shirt honouring former player Daniel Jarque, who died of a heart attack last year.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AFP) - Andres Iniesta secured the World Cup for Spain for the first time in their history by scoring the only goal of an enthralling final against the Netherlands four minutes from the end of extra-time yesterday.

Just as it seemed a third World Cup final was destined to be settled by a penalty shoot-out, the Barcelona midfielder found himself in space in the Dutch box and ham-

mered an unstoppable shot past goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg.

It was a cruel blow for a Dutch side that had hoped to eradicate memories of the country's defeats in the 1974 and 1978 finals.

But the ultimate outcome of a contest both sides might easily have won inside 90 minutes will trigger few complaints from neutrals.

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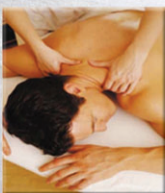
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Israel warning as Libya aid boat eyes Gaza landing

JERUSALEM, Israel (AFP) - Israel yesterday vowed to prevent a Libyan aid ship from running the Gaza blockade after it appeared to be heading for the besieged enclave despite a flurry of diplomatic efforts to divert it to Egypt.

"Israel will not let the boat reach Gaza," minister without portfolio Yossi Peled told Israel's public radio a day after the 92-meter (302-foot) freighter Amalthea set sail from the Greek port of Lavrio, south of Athens.

Allowing vessels to reach the Hamas-run Gaza Strip without being checked would have "very serious consequences" for Israel's security, he said.

There was confusion over the ship's destination yesterday -- with organisers saying it was staying the course for Gaza, despite diplomatic reassurances from Greece that it was headed for the Egyptian port of El-Arish.

"We are heading for Gaza. We will not change direction,"

Mashallah Zwei, a representative of the Kadhafi Foundation, a Libyan charity, told AFP by satellite phone from on board the Amalthea.

He insisted the foundation was not seeking "a confrontation or a provocation," when asked about the risks of a repeat of an Israeli naval raid on an aid flotilla on May 31 that killed nine Turks.

Zwei said the ship was currently "close to Crete" and would likely reach Gaza in about two days.

Israel's Defence Minister Ehud Barak said the attempt to reach Gaza, which has been subjected to an Israeli naval blockade for the past four years, was an "unnecessary provocation."

All children of Russian spies repatriated

WASHINGTON (AFP) - All the children of the 10 Russian spies freed in a dramatic swap with Moscow have been sent to Russia to rejoin their parents, US attorney general Eric Holder said yesterday.

"The children have all been repatriated. We did so consistent with what their parents' wishes were," Holder told CBS "Face The Nation."

The 10 Russian agents who had been under FBI investiga-

tion for a decade were exchanged for four people accused of spying for Western intelligence agencies by Moscow in a dramatic Cold War-style swap on Friday in Vienna.

Holder did not give any figures for how many children were involved, but press reports said the 10 agents, some who were married to each other, could have had as many as seven children between them

BP 'pleased' with progress of oil fix mission

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AFP) - BP reported good progress yesterday in its high-stakes effort to fully contain the Gulf of Mexico oil leak by fixing a tighter cap over the giant gusher, now raging largely unchecked.

Operations have reached a critical phase as engineers race to take advantage of a stretch of fine weather in the midst of the Atlantic hurricane season to install a new system with the potential to capture all the leaking crude.

Expected to take between four and seven days, the round-the-clock work began at midday on Saturday when the old, less efficient cap was ripped off a fractured pipe a mile down on the sea floor by robotic submarines.

"We are pleased with our progress," BP Vice President Kent Wells told journalists almost 24 hours in. "We have carefully planned and practised this whole procedure. We've tried to work out as many of the bugs as we can."

Yesterday's operations saw

VIENNA, Austria (AFP) - Press watchdog IPI yesterday welcomed Cuba's decision to release a first batch of political prisoners, but insisted that all jailed dissidents must be freed.

"We call on Cuba to immediately release all the dissidents, including journalists, who remain in prison," David Dudge, director of the Vienna-based International Press Institute, said in a statement.

Communist Cuba on Saturday began releasing a group of ailing political prisoners as part of a landmark church-brokered deal to free 52 dissidents, relatives of three freed inmates told AFP.

All 52 were part of a

group of 75 dissidents rounded up in 2003 and sentenced to jail terms of between six and 28 years.

Among them were 29 journalists, said IPI.

"While we welcome this long overdue move by Cuba to release political prisoners detained in the infamous Black Spring crackdown, it is far from enough," said Dudge.

Three journalists, Jose Luis Garcia Paneque, Pablo Pancheco and Lester Gonzalez, were believed to be part of the first group of freed dissidents, according to IPI.

However, Omar Rodriguez Saludes, the director of Nueva Prensa Cubana, an independent news agency in Havana, was expected to remain in prison.

He was sentenced to 27 years in prison in 2003 -- the longest sentence among all 29 journalists, said IPI.

Spain, which helped broker the deal between the Cuban government and the church, has said it is willing to receive all the prisoners after their release.

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Mary Feliciano-Boekhoudt celebrates 30 years of service



Recently, Mary Feliciano-Boekhoudt celebrated 30 years of service at Aruba's telecommunication company, SETAR N.V. Mary started with the company, in the department then named 'Telefoondienst' on May 19, 1980 as writer at the counter. Back then the company was situated in the Hendrikstraat where most of the work was done manually and with a primitive typewriter. Mary attended clients at the counter, answered the 114 calls- which is the clients service number - and did the administration.

In January 1986, Mary was promoted to the DFAT (Debiteuren Factureren Au-

tomatisch Telefoonverkeer) Department, the department in charge with Accounts Receivable, Billing and Automatic Telephone Traffic. There she did the supplementary accounting, expenses involved with telephone services and other administrative aspects. She also attended clients and petitions at the counter. After a few years the DFAT department was reorganized and split in two departments: the 'Klanten Service' (KS) - Clients Service Departments and the 'Incasso Automatische Telefoonverkeer' (IAT) Automatic Telephone Traffic Collection Department. Mary

was promoted as Lieutenant Supervisor of the IAT Department.

During her 30 years of service Mary occupied different posts at SETAR N.V. She experienced all the technical changes and adaptations the company has undergone. In 1993, her department moved to the new SETAR building at Seroe Blanco. After that came the integration of the telephone, internet and cellular which were attended at the counter.

As of July 2003 SETAR became an N.V. and Mary was promoted as Supervisor Teleshop in the Customer Interfaces Department. On August 2004 she was promoted as Supervisor Back Office.

Mary is a dynamic employee who promotes teamwork in her department by actively participating in special events with her workers. She also emphasizes for her fellow workers to continue learning all the new innovative technology at SETAR, so they can remain up to date just as she does.

Mary is married and has two children. Her hobbies are walking in the afternoons, playing tennis, ping pong and carrom. She likes to spend time with her siblings. She also spends quality time with her husband, either going out or just relaxing together.

Mary's advice: Do not be afraid of changes or new things. Always face the situation and move forward.

Her philosophy in life: For every problem there is a solution.

Photo shows Mary Feliciano-Boekhoudt with an antique telephone, one of the many relics SETAR N.V. has in its collection.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Department of Medicine Inspection would like to clarify certain declarations made by Gianni's Nutrition Center regarding its shipment.

The shipment was confiscated after consultation with the public prosecutor.

The department advises everyone that the supplements pertaining to that shipment contain an active ingredient called Yohimbe and/or Ephedra, which, according to Aruba laws, is regarded as a medicine. Consequently, without an approval and registration by the Aruba medicine registration committee, the import is those supplements are prohibited. They are dangerous for consumption because of their side effects.

The above mentioned action also counts for persons who import medicine for their personal use.

All members are invited! Social Dialogue information night for SNBA



The San Nicolas Business Association, SNBA, cordially invites its members for an informative evening where the government will facilitate relevant information concerning the topic 'Social Dialogue.'

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Paula enjoys a fun birthday celebration



Paula Samuels-Zijlstra enjoyed a well attended birthday party, with live music over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. The party was given to her by her loving husband, Dr. Joost Samuels, with assistance from master-organizer Gina. Pictured here, unforgettable party moment: While the NBO band played, guests enjoyed the ambiance and the special local desserts including homemade bonbons and festive cakes.



Indigenous animals of Aruba



The Iguana

Editor's Note: Our usual column about Aruba's nature from island tour guide Madi Kelkboom will be on pause for a month while Madi visits with family in Holland. Here are her thoughts on creatures that are interesting and common to Aruba. Some are best seen when walking in the cunucu, or countryside, but some you can see anywhere, especially the lizards around the resorts and their pool decks, hiding in the cracks and crevasses, sometimes becoming so tame they will eat fruit right out of your hand!

Since Aruba has a desert climate it is home to many kinds of lizards; some are very colorful like the bright blue kododo. A young iguana is a brilliant green, but it loses its color as it gets older and bigger. They may look like monsters from old time movies, but they are harmless.

We also have some very beautiful and colorful butterflies; you don't have to go to the Butterfly Farm to see bright orange and black Monarchs or another orange butterfly that is very hard to catch because it moves so fast.

Much shyer and harder to see is our shoko; the tiny owl we love so much. Usually you only get to see it when it is protecting its nest. They are in pairs most times when by their hole in the ground, but one will usually fly off to distract a predator away from the nest while the other stands guard. They are a useful bird, consuming mice and rats. We also have a very shy, tiny rabbit that lives in the countryside, but you have to be quick to get a good look at them!

Also shy is the Aruban Cas-



The Cascabel



The Aruban Owl: "Shoko" cabel or rattlesnake, which is an endangered species. I only see them rarely when walking through the cunucu; they sense you first and warn you off long before you would come upon their nest. I think it is when the females are about to lay eggs that they are most aggressive, but you can hear them "shake their maracas" long before they would ever attack, so you

just go around them.

Right now, all of Aruba's native animals are threatened by the boas which have come to live on our island. They are not native to Aruba and have no natural enemy, so are consuming every sort of local creature, even the big Wara-Wara, which is a predatory bird. All of us who work and live around the cunucu are doing what we can to control them, and there has been a study to try and realize how they came here and what to do. It could be they came as babies on the fruit boats from South America, hidden in the bunches of fruit, there is no way to be sure.

Of course, the greatest danger to all our nature is the continual building, and more and more areas being leveled by bulldozers, destroying habitats. I fear we will see the demise of the shy shoko and cascabel if something is not done to control that.

EDITOR-During Madi's absence, she has arranged for friends to be ready by the entrance to Conchi to transport any wishing to visit The Natural Pool in a proper vehicle for traversing the difficult and winding path.

They begin their tours to the pool at 6:00 a.m. for a dawn interlude, and continue every hour on the hour until 5:00 p.m. If you miss one, there is a place to relax and refresh while waiting for the next busload.

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The 'Wara Wara'

Fun times for all as Centro Kibrahacha conducts their summer closing party



Diane Uchtman, Notaris Marugg Helmeyer and volunteers



At left, Danielo de Freitas does his duty; at right, youngsters get in on the fun



Tense faces awaited the results of the annual Centro Kibrahacha raffle, as the members of this center for the elderly were feted by volunteers before they close for their summer hiatus. Festive music and a social morning accompany the annual drawing, which awards eight great prizes and is an important fundraising effort for the center.

Kibrahacha Director Diana Uchtman introduced Notary Mayrene A. Marugg-Helmeyer, whose presence is required to validate the drawing. Various attendees of all ages

were selected for the task of picking the winners, as anxious ticket holders hoped their numbers would be called. Chairman of the Kibrahacha Board, Danielo de Freitas was happy to do his duty during the festive event.

Unfortunately, the winners of the eighth to second prizes were not in the hall, and they will be notified of their good fortune. However, much to everyone's surprise and excitement, Maria Maduro-Kelly waved her ticket to inform the officials she was the winner of the grand prize, a Caribbean



Grand prize winner Maria Maduro-Kelly and her winning ticket

cruise for two with Carnival Cruise Lines. "For years I have been buying my raffle tickets faithfully," exclaimed Maria, "and never won anything; now I get the first prize!"

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Science/Tech

3D Coming to Adobe's Flash

Adobe Systems has started work to bring 3D to its Flash platform, and will preview the technology at the company's upcoming developer conference in October.

A session titled "Flash Player 3D Future" will outline a future version of Flash that will be capable of playing 3D content, according to a program listing for the Adobe Max 2010 trade show, which will be held in Los Angeles Oct. 23-27.

The session will take "a deep dive into the next-generation 3D API coming in a future version of Flash Player," according to the listing. The Flash Player is available as a browser plug-in that allows users to play games or view multimedia content. Google's YouTube uses Flash for video distribution on its Web site.

The session is "going to be big," said Thibault Imbert, a Flash product manager at Adobe in a blog entry.

"If you are into 3D development for games, augmented reality or just interactive stuff like Web sites, you just can't miss the session," Imbert wrote.

Adobe officials were unavailable for comment Friday on a release date for a 3D Flash Player. The company had closed for the day, according to a spokeswoman for A&R Edelman, Adobe's public relations agency.

Adobe already offers tools for 3D animation in Flash, but the new platform could bring richer 3D experiences. This could be an important development as games and videos are increasingly produced in 3D.

At the Computex trade show last month, graphics chip company Nvidia demonstrated 3D video streaming live over the Internet using a

video player based on Microsoft's Silverlight platform.

Adobe has also engaged in a public spat with Apple, which does not support playback of Flash content on its iPhone and iPad devices.

Apple prefers distributing video and multimedia content through the HTML5 standard, and Apple CEO Steve Jobs has publicly derided Flash for being buggy, slow and power hungry.

Era of Robots, Tech-enhanced Humans not here yet

Advocates of the concept called singularity envision a future in which humans and technology fully converge, but a keynote speaker at the World Future Society conference voiced skepticism about the idea, citing the complexities of the human mind.

Proponents of singularity claim that in 20 years, nanotechnology implanted in people will repair wounds and advanced robots will assist with daily tasks. The concept ultimately calls for people to transcend the limits of biology by using technology to develop into something more advanced and intelligent than human genetics allows.

Wendell Wallach, a scholar at Yale University's Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, supports technol-

ogy but labels himself a "friendly skeptic" on this marriage of people and machines.

While he is "excited by where the science will take us," Wallach, who spoke recently at the World Future Society in Boston, is a "skeptic because we don't know enough about humans to pull it off."

Wallach's critique of singularity focused on areas including understanding the intricacies of the mind, the complexities of developing robots with morals and the question of who is responsible when a robot's morals prove problematic.

The singularity movement holds that the evolution of the computer will lead to further development of the human mind, since that is also a computer.

Wallach countered that the brain is engaged in massive parallel thinking and that researchers do not fully grasp how this part of the body operates. He compared this ability to a computer, in which "one bit is out of place and Windows locks up," he said.

He also said that computers face barriers in dealing with vision, language and locomotion.

"We don't know which of these challenges we'll master in 20 years. Some will be ceilings," he said.

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KNIGHT AND DAY- Action/Comedy

June Havens (Diaz) finds her everyday life tangled with that of a secret agent (Cruise) who has realized he isn't supposed to survive his latest mission. As their campaign to stay alive stretches across the globe, they soon learn that all they can count on is each other.

HEALTH

Breakthrough antibodies neutralize most known AIDS strains



WASHINGTON (AFP) – US researchers have discovered two powerful antibodies that neutralize more than 90 percent of all known strains of the HIV virus in the lab, new research released late last week showed.

NIH-led scientists discovered the antibodies known as VRCO1 and VRCO2 that prevent most HIV strains from infecting human cells. The find is a potential breakthrough for advancing HIV vaccine design, and antibody therapy for other diseases.

The authors, whose work is published in the July 9 issue of *Science*, also were

able to demonstrate how one of these disease-fighting proteins gets the job done.

"The discovery of these exceptionally broadly neutralizing antibodies to HIV and the structural analysis that explains how they work are exciting advances that will accelerate our efforts to find a preventive HIV vaccine for global use," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), National Institutes of Health.

"In addition, the technique the teams used to find the new antibodies represents a

novel strategy that could be applied to vaccine design for many other infectious diseases," Fauci stressed in a statement.

The team of virologists found that the two antibodies were produced naturally and found in the blood of HIV-positive people.

They were able to isolate these antibodies using a new molecular device they developed. It zeroes in on specific cells that make antibodies against HIV. The device is an HIV protein scientists modified to react only with antibodies specific to the site where the virus binds to cells it infects.

Leading two research teams were NIAID scientists Peter Kwong, Ph.D., John Mascola, MD, and Gary Nabel, MD, Ph.D.

"We have used our knowledge of the structure of a virus -- in this case, the outer surface of HIV -- to refine molecular tools that pinpoint the vulnerable spot on the virus and guide us to antibodies that attach to this spot, blocking the virus from infecting cells," explained Nabel.

Mascola added that: "the antibodies attach to a virtually unchanging part of the virus, and this explains why they can neutralize such an extraordinary range of HIV strains."

For Teenage Girls, Competition Cuts Both Ways: Study

For teenage girls, competing to win is linked to more depression and loneliness, and associated with fewer close friendships, the authors of a new study have found.

But competing to excel improves the well-being of both genders, the researchers said.

In fact, the study found that competition can be either good or bad for teens, depending on their gender and what they are trying to achieve.

Researchers defined "competing to win" as trying to dominate and outperform others, and "competing to excel" as performing well and surpassing personal goals.

U.S. researchers analyzed questionnaires completed by

110 high school seniors in Dallas, their best same-gender friends and their parents. The study found that teenage boys scored higher on "competing to win" than girls, and were much less likely to experience depression, loneliness or fewer close friendships as a result.

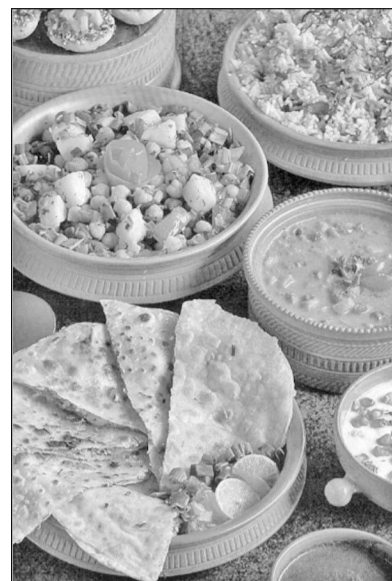
There were no gender differences for "competing to excel" scores. For both genders, competing to excel was associated with higher self-esteem and less depression, but it had little connection with social functioning.

"The overarching issue this study explored was whether competitiveness as a motivational orientation is good or bad for males and females," according to Dr. David Hibbard of California

State University and Dr. Duane Buhrmester of the University of Texas at Dallas.

"The findings clarify, to some degree, western cultures' 'ambivalence' about competitiveness. The view that competitiveness is the road to emotional well-being is supported to the extent that one is talking about competing to improve oneself or excel. On the other hand, if one is talking about competing to win or show dominance over others, then females seem to pay a socio-emotional price," they concluded in their report.

The study findings were released online July 6 in advance of publication in an upcoming print issue of the journal *Sex Roles*.



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Diabetes drug Avandia gets new setback ahead of US decision



WASHINGTON (AFP) – GlaxoSmithKline's blockbuster diabetes treatment Avandia suffered a new setback this weekend when US health officials offered more evidence of the drug's increased link to heart problems.

A document released by the Food and Drug Administration came as an FDA panel of experts prepares to meet next week to consider withdrawing the popular drug because of concerns about its links to cardiovascular ailments.

The document cited Thomas Marciniak, an FDA expert on cardiovascular treatments, who indicated

that clinical trials of the drug, whose generic name is rosiglitazone, were "inadequately designed" and that the record "suggests the rosiglitazone increases the risk" of heart attacks.

"Half of the errors were substantial," Marciniak said in the document. "If consulted in advance, I would have rejected this study design as inappropriate and biased."

The report came after two studies released in recent weeks concluded patients taking Avandia faced a higher risk of heart attacks and strokes, emboldening critics who have asked that it be withdrawn from the market.

The FDA often follows the advice of its panels of experts, which will make its recommendation after the talks on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In addition to Marciniak's comments, the FDA also released some 700 pages of documents examining studies on Avandia and its safety compared with other treatments.

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Official opening of UNOCA exposition hall with STICUSA and UNOCA Collection



Recently, the official opening of UNOCA's exposition hall took place with the exposition of the 'STICUSA Collection' and the 'UNOCA Collection'.

The opening was performed by Aruba Lieutenant-Governor Mrs. Ella Tromp-Yarzagaray accompanied by her husband Mr. Leo Tromp.

Present at the festive occasion were Minister of Culture Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar, Aruba Parliament Vice-Chairman Mr. Chris Dammers, AVP Fraction Leader Mr. Rene Herde, parliament member Mr. Andy Lee, ex Minister of Culture Mr. Ramon Lee, Aruba Development Foundation (FDA) executive Mrs. Minerva Geerman and all others who worked and contributed to the



development of Aruba's culture. After the opening ceremony, invitees visited the expositions hall where they could admire the 'STICUSA Collection' and the 'UNOCA Collection.' Afterwards they enjoyed entertainment by Jair Britten, Ryan Maduro, youth choir 'Briyante' under the direction of Mrs. Tica

Giel, singing by Tica Giel, piano music by Mr. Victor Camacho who also accompanied Mrs. Giel, and music by Carlos Bislip and friends: Mr. Johnny Croes, Mr. Ivan Quandus and Mr. Franklin Granadillo.

Mr. Nelson Sprock was also present to delight everyone present with his music on the



'Caha di Orgel' - organ grinder, while Mrs. Cherryldine Muller acted as MC.

UNOCA management wants to thank everyone for their presence, cooperation and/or contribution to make the night an unforgettable one.

Management also wants to invite everyone to pass by to

admire the exposition in the UNOCA Hall, situated at the Stadionweg 21. The hall is open Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. An entrance/contribution of Afls.1 is highly appreciated. For more information readers may contact UNOCA at tel. 583-5681.

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16. Opera part
17. Ticket piece
19. Good guy
20. Prepare copy
21. Be surprised
22. Father
23. Shakespearean villain
24. Opera singer
25. Hollywood newcomer
27. Scream
29. Garden flower
30. Charged atom
31. Jai _____
32. Wind indicator
34. Dominoes
37. Mine products
38. Condiment
42. Lost
43. Perspire
44. Proportion

DOWN

45. Hail, Caesar!
46. Spanish aunt
47. Vive le _____!
48. Woman
50. Greek god
51. Actor Groom
52. 007
54. Crude
55. Lions' homes
56. Condiment
58. Condiment buds
62. Repetition
65. Helpful hint
67. European
68. Bother
71. Algerian port
72. Capri's is blue
75. _____ de la Cite
76. Anglo-Saxon coin
77. _____ de mer
78. Very dry
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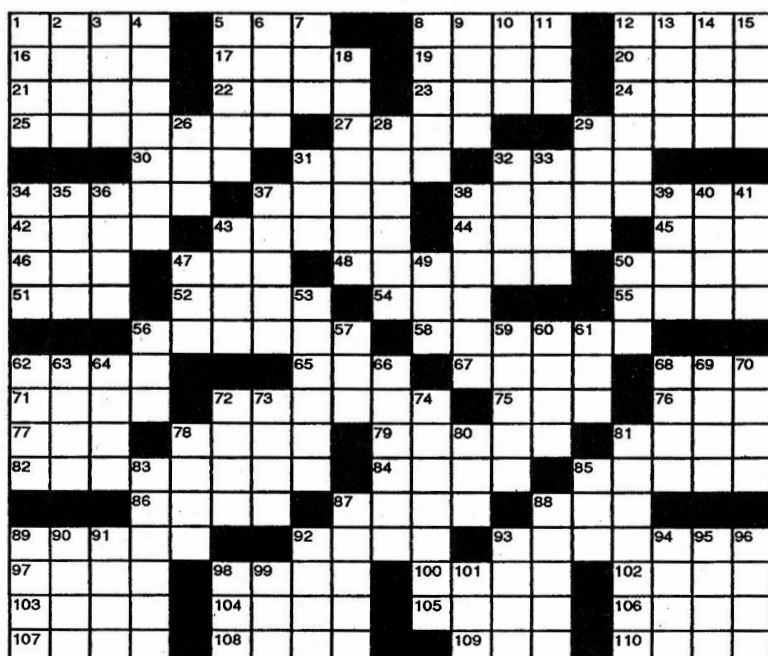
87. Star in Lyra
88. Dance step
89. Condiment
92. Verdi opera
93. Light colors
97. Sewer's circle
98. Fix socks
100. Midday
102. Region
103. Ambience
104. Top
105. Nocturnal birds
106. Iranian coin
107. Small bird
108. Disarray
109. Negative vote
110. Fender-bender mark

DOWN

1. Crones
2. Part of QED
3. Actress-singer Hartman
4. Condiment
5. Colorado resort
6. Office copy, for short
7. Small dog
8. Condiment
9. Cure
10. Work unit

11. Court
12. What Moses crossed: 2 wds.
13. Mine entrance
14. Bee's home
15. Nova
18. Condiment: 2 wds.
26. _____ Angeles
28. Lent follower
29. English queen
31. "You _____ So Beautiful"
32. Small container
33. Poker bet
34. Rugs
35. Largest continent
36. Thin stratum
37. In debt
38. Moves at a snail's pace
39. Horse
40. Kiln
41. Monstrous loch
43. At any moment
47. Baseball fact: abbr.
49. Son of, in Scotland
50. Newspaper notices, for short
53. Unravel
56. Army title: abbr.
57. Worn path
59. Martini addition
60. Coulee
61. Night before
62. "Arrivederci"

63. Spoken
64. High
66. Delineated
68. Christmas song
69. Russian sea
70. Lassies
72. Sand
73. Costa _____
74. Condiment
78. Church part
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81. Condiment
83. Chinese boat
85. Oxygen or neon
87. Climbing plants
88. Garden flower
89. Dissolve
90. Day part
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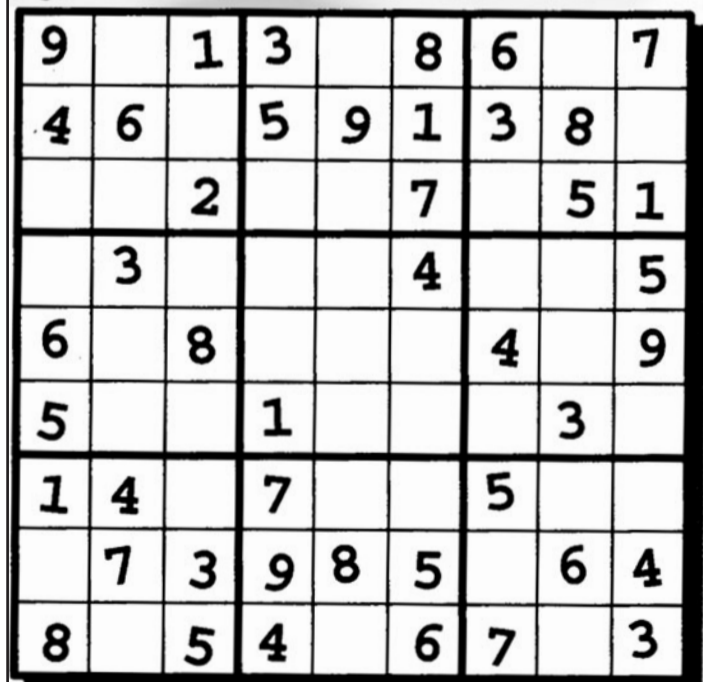
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BP in talks 'to sell Alaska oil field'

LONDON, England (AFP) — BP is in talks to sell up to 12 billion dollars (9.5 billion euros) of assets, including a substantial stake in a giant Alaskan oil field, to Apache Corporation, it was reported yesterday.

Apache approached the beleaguered British oil company several weeks ago with the plan which would include a stake in Prudhoe Bay, the largest oil field in North America.

BP has been trying to offload assets as it seeks to build up a disaster fund of 20

billion dollars to cover the clean-up costs for the disastrous oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Apache, a company worth 29 billion dollars, has done smaller deals with its British rival in the past but acquiring a stake in Prudhoe Bay would be a major coup.

The field produces 390,000 barrels a day, equivalent to 15 percent of Britain's output from its North Sea fields.

BP also wants to sell its 60-percent share in the Pan American Energy, an Argentinian oil producer.

BP ready to pay six months in claims: fund administrator

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The man charged with doling out BP's compensation to victims of the Gulf oil spill said yesterday he is prepared to pay up to six months of expenses in advance, but getting people to file claims is a struggle.

Kenneth Feinberg told CNN he wanted to provide "some degree of financial certainty," to people who have found their livelihoods hurt by the massive oil spill. "If they are eligible, we will give them up to six months emergency (compensation)."

But, he lamented, "I can't help people if they don't file."

Many of the fishermen and others who work in the Gulf region regularly get paid in cash and do not have paperwork to back up their

claims of lost income. They are also worried that if they ask for compensation, the government will seek taxes for previous income.

"One of the big challenges is convincing people to file a claim," he said. Feinberg said people ask, "Are you going to be sending all of my information that I provide you to (tax officials)? I am not sure about what your intentions."

"No, no, no," Feinberg promised. "This is not easy to convince people that some new program will help them. It takes some work."

Feinberg said that until oil stops gushing into the Gulf of Mexico, he could not estimate whether the initial 20-billion-dollar fund set up by BP would be enough to pay

compensation claims.

"Until the oil stops, you don't know how pervasive the oil spill will be," he said.

"You don't know if somebody who has not been harmed at all today will be harmed by additional oil next week. Once the oil stops, I believe we will be able to, very quickly, get sort of a handle" on the scope of the disaster on livelihoods in the region.

Millions of barrels of oil have poured into the Gulf since a deepwater drilling rig exploded on April 20, killing 11 workers. It sank two days later, sending crude unchecked into the water ever since, unleashing the nation's worst ever environmental disaster.

ECB launches offensive on eurozone economic fears

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) — The European Central Bank insists the eurozone will not fall back into recession, saying the worst of the debt crisis is past and other economies should now be fixing their public finances.

ECB chief economist Juergen Stark told reporters last week: "It seems that the worst is over" after a key ECB loan deadline passed smoothly and German data showed industrial production in Europe's top economy had soared in May.

ECB president Jean-Claude Trichet cautioned that "it is still too early to declare the crisis over", but added: "The latest signs that we are receiving from the economy are encouraging."

The ECB officials spoke at a Frankfurt gathering of analysts, academics and media against a backdrop of continued speculation over the eurozone's future after a debt crisis that began in Greece spread to other weaker member states.

The latest chapter in the crisis will be 'stress tests' of European banks to determine if they can withstand a major shock like the default of a key debtor or another serious economic downturn.

Tests of 91 banks, accounting for 65 percent of the European banking system, are to be released on July 23 amid hopes they will ease tensions on markets where many investors fear the banks may have hidden some of their

problems under the carpet.

Meanwhile, pressure from the ECB and the markets has forced eurozone governments to take sometimes draconian measures to put their public finances back on a sound footing, slashing spending to howls of protest.

Authorities in the United States and elsewhere have argued it is too soon to tighten policy in this way however because it might provoke a "double dip" recession.

"We must be flexible in adjusting the pace of consolidation and learn from the consequential mistakes of the past when stimulus was too quickly withdrawn and resulted in renewed economic hardships and recession," US President Barack Obama wrote in June.

Trichet and Stark fired a broadside at such views on Friday, with Trichet saying: "Just like consumers and countries, governments cannot live beyond their means forever."

He quoted John Maynard Keynes, an icon of those who advocate state stimulus, as saying in 1937: "Just as it was advisable for the government to incur debt during the slump, so for the same reasons is it now advisable that they should incline to the opposite policy."

Trichet noted taxpayers on both sides of the Atlantic had incurred risk equal to more than one-quarter of total annual economic output to prevent a financial meltdown

and warned starkly: "We won't do that twice."

Stark called the debt crisis "a wake-up call" to eurozone governments, which he said were now serious about fiscal reforms and broader structural changes as well.

"In leading economies in the world I don't see this commitment to fiscal consolidation, I see the contrary," the ECB economist said, adding that more fiscal stimulus "in the end will turn out not to be sustainable."

He also challenged a downbeat International Monetary Fund growth forecast for the eurozone released last week, saying: "We see a bias here, that the IMF has not caught up to the reality in Europe."

The Fund's latest forecast is for 2010 growth of 3.3 percent in the United States, the world's biggest economy, 9.2 percent in developing Asia and just 1.0 percent in the eurozone.

"The IMF in my view is underestimating the strength of the recovery in the euro area" and other regions of the world, Stark said.

Barclays Capital managing director Julian Callow told AFP he thought the ECB was "trying to strike a more positive note here which in turn should help to stabilise financial markets."

"Trichet does not have the demeanour of someone who is very concerned about the unveiling of the bank stress test results," he added.

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A team from THE MORNING NEWS went to take a look, and we were very impressed with the prices offered on Mallorca Pearls- "the affordable treasure" which have a luster and luminosity that make them a perfect gift at the

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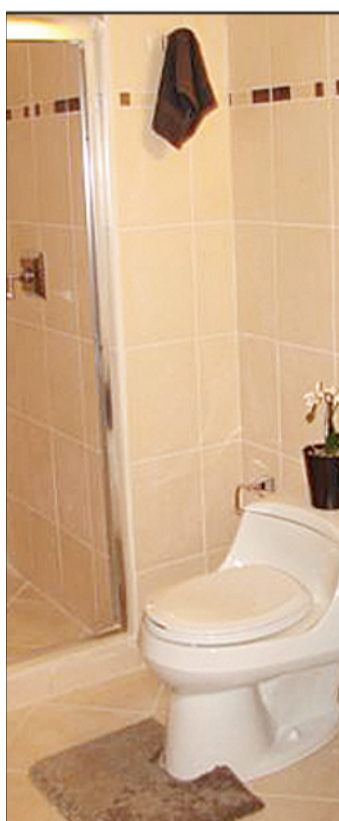
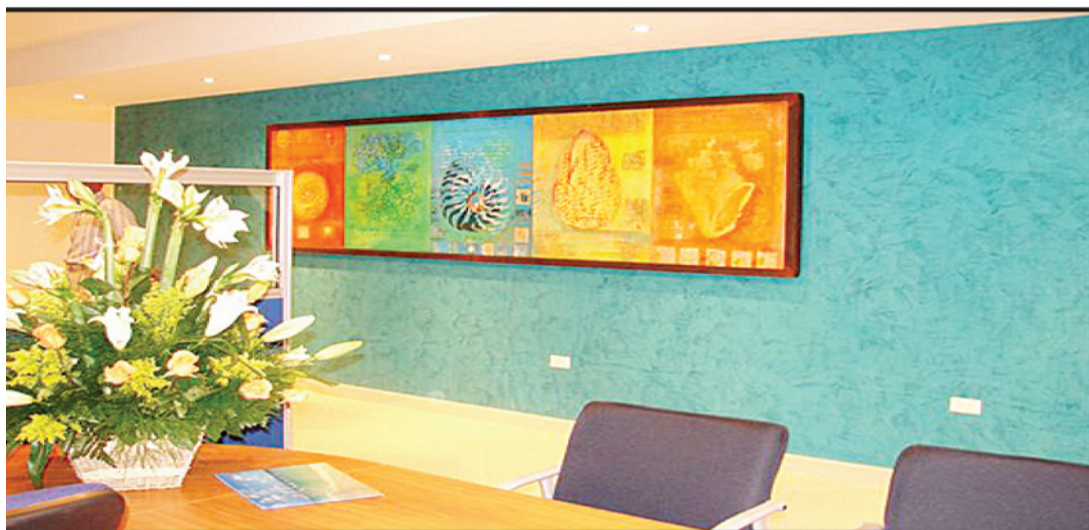
We were also taken with an entire showcase full of a personal favorite, Australian opal jewelry; the fiery blue stones have a texture and drama that imparts a singular beauty. We noticed Larry had a very large selection of animal themed pieces, adorable and appealing.

Sales girls were particularly enthusiastic about the Lauren G. Adams designs; beautiful cloisonné charms, necklaces, bracelets and rings that are infinitely affordable.

Gentleman, show the woman you love she has a lock on your heart with their inlaid and sculpted key pendant collection, or construct a custom made charm bracelet both eye-catching and whimsical. Color coordinated collections and reasonable prices allow one to create an entire ensemble. The charming jewelry makes very nice accessories for today's fashionable black dress, adding an individual tropical touch to the somber color that is presently required evening wear.

Larry's has a large selection and great deals, so if you are shopping for that special person or yourself, their collection is definitely worth a look.

Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports accelerated construction pace



Acqua Condominiums Aruba reports that the first wing of the East Tower has reached the highest point of construction. Developers have just poured the 14th floor concrete beams, and are gearing up for the launch of the second wing construction.

Mid-year, Acqua Condominiums Aruba will be pouring the foundation for the South Tower, and begin work on community amenities such as the lagoon-style pool and tropical garden, the club house, business center, spa, restaurant and grand lobby, followed by the debut of the North Tower and the completion of the entire ambitious project by 2012.

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Oscar Helmeyer report that the development company is planning on doubling its workmen capacity within the next few weeks. Construction specialists recently laid off by the oil refinery will find new employment at Acqua Condominiums as plumbers, electricians and carpenters join the force in order to work on building the interiors.

"Work on the site has been in full swing since January 11th, when construction workers returned from their well-deserved Christmas vacation," explains Helmeyer. "And we are at the moment in negotiations with the department of labor to extend the number of

work hours to 18 a day, maintaining two full-shifts of laborers, and resulting in accelerated construction pace."

Acqua Condominiums Aruba began construction one year ago, and has been met with great enthusiasm from the get go. A stylish and contemporary sales center on Palm Beach, on the construction site, includes a number of model apartments with Kohler bathrooms and faucets, European style kitchens with granite tops, brand-name appliances, porcelain tiles, floor to ceiling UV-filtered hurricane proof windows and doors, all tastefully furnished and finished, and available for viewing.

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and using no fats or oils. Fish in particular is excellent; extremely moist and tasty. A thick cut of filet mignon usually requires cutting into smaller sections to cook fully, especially if your preference is medium-well to well done.

Le Petit Café is particularly well known for its "Land and Sea" specialty, filet mignon and lobster tail; a gourmet treat when served in their signature fashion. The restaurant also offers a diverse menu of pastas and tempting gourmet appetizers such as seafood crepes, crispy calamari, and escargot. For family members in the mood for something different there are several dishes to choose from, such as chicken parmesan, so a large family with different ideas of what they want for dinner can easily be accommodated.

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and Le Petit Café has also long been famous for the best value for breakfast on Aruba. They still offer an American breakfast for \$6.95 and a full breakfast buffet for \$10.95, another unbeatable value!

Le Petit Café is also located in the Paradise Beach Villas, so whether you are staying in Oranjestad, Palm Beach or Eagle Beach, a La Petit Café restaurant can be found only a short stroll away from you resort, a perfect way to begin or end your day!

Apocalypse now? In US and abroad many are prepared

WASHINGTON (AFP) — From the outside, Jerry Erwin's home in the northwestern US state of Oregon is a nondescript house with a manicured front lawn and little to differentiate it from those of his neighbors.

But tucked away out of sight in his backyard are the signs of his preparations for doomsday, a catastrophic societal collapse that Erwin, 45, now believes is likely within his lifetime.

"I've got, under an awning, stacks of firewood, rain catching in barrels, I've got a shed with barbed concertina wire, like the military uses," he told AFP.

He and his wife also have also stockpiled thousands of rounds of ammunition and enough food for about six months.

"Several years ago I worked on paying off the house, replacing all the windows, and just very recently, I'm proud to say, we've replaced all our exterior doors with more energy-efficient ones, with as much built-in security features as I could get," he said.

"Plus I'm going to be adding some more structural improvements to the door frames to make it hopefully virtually impossible to take a battering ram to them."

Erwin and others like him in the United States and elsewhere see political upheaval and natural disasters as clear signs that civilization is doomed.

"We're hitting on all cylinders as far as symptoms that have led other great powers to decline or collapse: resource depletion, damage to the environment, climate change, those are the same things that affected other great societies," he said.

For Erwin, the decline is irreversible and the best approach is to prepare for the inevitable.

His pessimism is shared by a wide range of people, from left-wing environmentalists who believe climate change and capitalist greed will doom human society to Christian fundamentalists who think sin will do the same.

They label themselves "preppers," "doomers," and "survivalists," and take a variety of different approaches to the same question: How best to prepare for the coming apocalypse?

Jim Rawles, who Erwin describes as "the patron saint of survivalism," prefers an isolationist, Christian-influenced



approach.

He homeschooled his children, declines to say where he lives, and advises readers of his website survivalblog.com to "relocate to a safe area and live there year-round."

"When planning your retreat house, think: medieval castle," he adds, extolling the benefits of using sandbags to protect any new home.

Rawles, like many on the most conservative end of the survivalist spectrum, is also anti-tax, pro-gun rights, and suspicious of anything that smacks of socialism.

But the survivalist movement also includes left-wing community activists, who are devoted to living off the land and have never fired a weapon, and people like Chris Martenson, who quit a job with a six-figure salary that he felt was "an unnecessary diversion from the real tasks at hand."

He began growing his own food and developed a "Crash Course" that urges people to better prepare for societal instability. He also took over management of his investments and boasts of a 166 percent return on his portfolio.

For Martenson, the wake-up call was the September 11,

2001 attacks, when he felt gripped by uncertainty and totally unprepared.

Erwin had always felt that society would eventually disintegrate, but he and many other US survivalists say the dysfunctional response to the 2005 Hurricane Katrina was what spurred them to action.

"I thought, okay, things are not going to get better... maybe this society, our civilization, the American empire, will collapse during my lifetime," Erwin said.

For John Milandred, no single event pushed him to leave his suburban home and set up a farm in Oklahoma.

"We just got fed up of working all the time to pay bills and not accomplishing anything," he said.

A member of the American Preppers Network, Milandred said he and his wife aspired to "grow our own foods and be self sufficient... to live like the pioneers, like our great-grandparents."

It is unclear how many people subscribe to the lifestyle, but there are hundreds of websites devoted to the movement, and Erwin's suburban-self-reliance.com attracts visitors from around the world.



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Halos host All-Star Week, not just game



ANAHEIM -- Angels owner Arte Moreno, whose club will host the 81st Major League Baseball All-Star Game on Tuesday at Angel Stadium, has said he has to pinch himself to make sure he's not dreaming about the Midsummer Classic coming to sunny Southern California.

But now Moreno can stop pinching himself, because the All-Star festivities at Angel Stadium are finally here, beginning with Taco Bell All-Star Sunday featuring the XM All-Star Futures Game and the Taco Bell All-Star Legends and Celebrity Softball Game.

And it leads up to Gatorade All-Star Workout Day and the State Farm Home Run Derby today, before the MLB All-Star Game begins Tuesday at 8 p.m. ET.

"It means a lot for us, because it means we get to showcase our fans and our stadium: what we call our baseball experience," Moreno said. "We like our fans wearing our colors and we promote that a lot, and we like to see the stadium as a sea of red."

It also will have plenty of Angels' flair, with former Angels slugger Don Baylor serving as the U.S. Team manager and former Angels manager Cookie Rojas serving as the World Team manager.

Baylor, who spent six sea-

sons with the Angels and won the 1979 American League MVP Award with the club, is certainly excited about returning to Angel Stadium for the Futures Game.

"Heck, yeah, it's exciting, having USA on my shirt," Baylor said. "They didn't have to ask twice, just put it that way."

Rojas, who worked in the Angels' front office and scouted for the club before serving as manager in '88, was similarly excited for Futures Game to kick off Sunday.

"I think it's a great honor that I was asked by Major League Baseball to manage the team," Rojas said. "Having been with the Angels and with the All-Star Game there, it made for a perfect combination. I think it's very nice that I was asked to go back to where I stayed a lot of years."

The game has seen its fair share of its players become solid big leaguers, including Ryan Howard, CC Sabathia, David Wright and most recently Jason Heyward, who participated in last year's event.

This year's version will again feature many of baseball's top prospects, including three from the host Angels, with catcher Hank Conger and outfielder Mike Trout on the U.S. Team and infielder Luis Jimenez on the World Team.

Departed James' image to be erased in Cleveland



Fans cheer as (L-R) Dwyane Wade #3, Chris Bosh #1 and LeBron James #6 of the Miami Heat are introduced during a welcome party at American Airlines Arena in Miami

CLEVELAND (AFP) - As Miami fans celebrated the arrival of LeBron James, the image of the two-time NBA Most Valuable Player was being slowly erased in Cleveland.

Workers began taking down the 10-story-tall image of James on a mural in downtown Cleveland on Saturday.

The billboard - not far from the Cavaliers arena - has long dominated the skyline in the city where James has played all seven of his NBA seasons, but which he has forsaken - as fans here see it - for Florida.

Pedestrians stopped to take pictures as pieces of the massive sign - depicting James with his arms outstretched and head back in his pre-game ritual of tossing up a handful of powder - began to come down. The process is expected to take several days.

James announced his decision to leave Cleveland on Thursday night, sparking some angry fans to burn his jersey.

Now any that remain can be had on the cheap, along with T-shirts and other merchandise featuring James' likeness or number.

Fathead.com, an online retailer owned by Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert dropped the price of its James-themed wall stickers from 99.99 dollars to 17.41 dollars - 1741 being the year that American Revolutionary War traitor Benedict Arnold was born.

Gilbert lashed out Thursday at James' decision to leave his native state, saying in an open letter to fans that

they "simply don't deserve this kind of cowardly betrayal".

Now that the Miami Heat have locked up a trio of superstars in LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh, they have their eye on adding Derek Fisher to the supporting cast.

Fisher met Saturday with Heat president Pat Riley, one day after the team introduced two-time reigning Most Valuable Player James and Bosh as Heat star Wade's newest teammates.

James, Bosh and Wade all will make less than the 16.6 million dollars they could have commanded next season, giving Miami room to lure other players.

"What we signed for is not important," James said Friday.

day. "One thing that is important is we all sacrificed money, sacrificed a lot of things to be a part of this."

"But what we signed for is not important. What we're going to do this coming fall is what's most important."

Fisher has been part of all five Los Angeles Lakers' championship teams in the Kobe Bryant era, four of them as a starter.

After Fisher received a reported 2.5 million-dollar offer for next season from the Lakers, he is listening to other proposals.

Fisher averaged 7.5 points and 2.5 assists while starting all 82 regular-season games for the Lakers last season.

In the playoffs, he averaged 10.3 points and 2.8 assists.

Evans in yellow as Andy Schleck wins Tour's 8th stage



Luxembourg's Andy Schleck celebrates on the finish line as he wins the 189 km and 8th stage of the 2010 Tour de France cycling race run on Sunday, between Les Rousses and Morzine Avoriaz ski resort. Seven-times champion Lance Armstrong's Tour de France challenge ended earlier than expected on Sunday when he crashed three times and lost more than 11 minutes on his main rivals. The ride turned into a nightmare for Armstrong, who returned to finish third last year after a three-year break.



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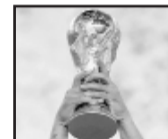
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It's just the beginning, say proud Uruguayans

Uruguay's players heralded a new era for the two-time FIFA World Cup™ winners in the wake of their 3-2 defeat by Germany in the third-place play-off match. While the result was the same as their clash at the same stage 40 years ago in Mexico, it still represented their best performance at the tournament since their 1970 vintage.

For Jorge Fucile their fourth placing was richly deserved and the defender predicted better things to come. "I am proud of what we have achieved here, we were up to the challenge, among the best four teams," said the 25-year-old Porto full-back.

"However, as we saw against the Germans the difference between us and the historically successful teams is that they have the ice cold temperament and this little bit extra that edges them past sides like us," added Fucile. "For Uruguay, however, this is the beginning of a new cycle,



Uruguay is where it should be. Personally, I am happy of what I have done in the finals, I showed the world who is Fucile."

Hardman midfielder Diego

Perez said that there was still room for improvement and two successive 3-2 defeats (the Dutch beat them 3-2 in the semi-finals) left a bitter taste in the mouth. "It is a strange feel-

ing: Uruguay played well, we scored twice, like against the Netherlands, and we still lost," said the 30-year-old Monaco star.

"However, Uruguay dis-

played in these two matches that it has made progress, that it can keep the ball and use it, but there are still a few things missing to make us a complete side. There is a bitter taste for me that we couldn't offer the country victory in this match but at the same time we have to take the positives out of our campaign, even if we made mistakes that are fatal against stronger teams.

He added: "We leave with our spirits high, proud of the work we have done for the past four years (since coach Oscar Tabarez took over the coaching post), without forgetting that there are regrets."

Perez summed up what the rest of the squad felt about striker Diego Forlan, who took his tally to five goals with one against Germany but whose talismanic qualities brought much more to the team. "Forlan? Excellent, he is the symbol of what Uruguay stands for, he fulfilled the tasks that Uruguay was expecting of him."

Forlan, who at 31 is unlikely to play at a third FIFA World Cup finals, selflessly praised his team-mates and also his 63-year-old coach. "This is the result of all the work we put together during the qualifiers which admittedly almost cost us our place here (they had to beat CONCACAF side Costa Rica in a play-off)," said the Villarreal star, who almost forced extra-time against the Germans as his freekick rattled the crossbar in the final action of normal time.

"We were always confident in the work and ideas of 'Maestro' Tabarez. And here at the World Cup we demonstrated that all the hard work got its just desserts."





FIFA World CUP South Africa 2010

Germany claims third place

The future is bright, says Germany's young guns



The Germany team celebrate victory following the 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa Third Place Play-off match between Uruguay and Germany

ERASMIA (AFP) - Midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger said on Sunday Germany's rising stars have the potential to become future World Cup winners after finishing third at the World Cup finals.

"We have come even closer to the top five teams in the world, there is a bit of a tear in my eye thinking of the semi-final we lost, but there is a smile in the other one as we showed both heart and courage against Uruguay," said Schweinsteiger, who is just 25 but one of the veterans with 81 caps.

"If we keep improving like this, sooner or later the trophy will be ours."

Germany beat Uruguay 3-2 in Port Elizabeth on Satur-

day to win the third place play-off after losing 1-0 to Spain in last Wednesday's semi-final.

The side were due to fly back to Germany on Sunday night at the same time the final takes place in Johannesburg between Spain and the Netherlands, but captain Philipp Lahm says more is to come from this side.

"We have a very good chance in the coming years to play at the top. We are still nowhere near the end of our development," said 26-year-old Lahm.

"We must continue to work hard. But we have a lot of quality and must be optimistic looking ahead."

This Germany squad was

the second-youngest side to compete at a World Cup finals with an average age of just under 25.

"We have nothing to worry about," said forward Lukas Podolski, who like Lahm and Schweinsteiger was a member of the team that also finished third in the 2006 finals in Germany.

"We have a young group and will compete again for the title," added the 25-year-old.

Ten players of the 23-man World Cup squad in South Africa are under 25, while Bayern Munich's Thomas Mueller, who has scored five goals here, is the red-hot favourite to win the best young player award.

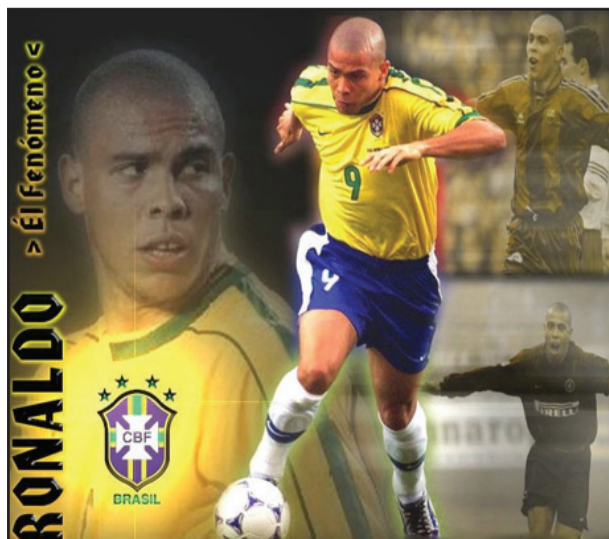
"This team is the future, it is viable that it will only reach its zenith in a few years," predicted Joachim Loew, who has yet to decide

whether he will stay on as head coach.

"The culture of our game is doing well," added the 50-year-old.

World Cup's greatest goalscorers

1. Ronaldo (BRA/1998-2002-2006) **15 goals**
2. Miroslav Klose (GER/2002-2006-2010) **14**
3. Gerd Mueller (GER/1970-1974) **14**
4. Just Fontaine (FRA/1958) **13**
5. Pele (BRA/1958-1962-1966-1970) **12**
6. Sandor Kocsis (HUN/1954) **11**



7. Jurgens Klinsmann (GER/1990-1994-1998) **11**
8. Helmut Rahn (RFA/1954-1958) **10**
9. Teofilo Cubillas (PER/1970-1978) **10**
10. Grzegorz Lato (POL/1974-1978-1982) **10**
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